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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARD - BEIRUT

REF: MEMORANDUM FROM MR. DIKEOS, FEBRUARY 9, 1976 TO CMC,
CODE MSDM

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR BROWN, BEIRUT TO
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON IS TRANSMITTED FOR ACTION:

"SUBJECT: NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION FOR MSG DETACHMENT,
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT RSO RECOMMENDED, WITH
FULL EMBASSY ENDORSEMENT, THAT MSG DETACHMENT HERE BE
AWARDED NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION FOR ITS EXCEPTIONAL PER-
FORMANCE. THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE BY CABLE ON 2
FEBRUARY AND TO DATE WE HAVE HEARD ONLY THAT DEPARTMENT
FORWARDED RECOMMENDATION, WITH ITS ENDORSEMENT, TO
COMMANDANT U.S. MARINE CORPS O/A 12 FEBRUARY. SINCE THAT
TIME, MSG DETACHMENT HAS CONTINUED TO SERVE THIS MISSION
WITH ADMIRABLE DISTINCTION UNDER PERSISTENT CONDITIONS
OF TENSION AND CIVIL STRIFE. I KNOW THAT IT WOULD BE A
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SUBSTANTIAL BOOST TO MORALE OF THIS FINE BODY OF MEN
TO HAVE THIS RECOMMENDATTON ACTED UPON BEFORE MANY
OF OUR VETERANS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED.

END QUOTE.

2. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND EMBASSY BEIRUT WOULD
APPRECIATE EARLIEST INFORMATION ON ACTION OR INTENDED
DISPOSITION OF THIS RECOMMENDATION SINCE AMBASSADOR
MELOY PLANS TO PROCEED TO BEIRUT ON MAY 10 OR SOON
THEREAFTER AND AMBASSADOR BROWN WILL BE RETURNING
TO CONUS. SISCO

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